

Remarks

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested for claims 6-9, 13-17, and 21-29.

Status of Application

In the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, claims 1-5, 10-12, and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,246,369 to Brown *et al.* Claims 6-9, 13-17, 21, and 22 were objected to, and claims 23-29 were allowed.

Objection to Claims

In response to the objection to claims 6-9, 13-17, 21, and 22, claims 6, 13, 14, and 21 were amended to incorporate the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. As such, it is believed that claims 6-9, 13-17, 21, and 22 are now in condition for allowance.

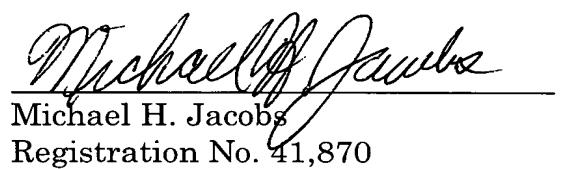
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If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 420FR/50819).

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